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**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM
FOR REGISTERED VOTERS**

A qualified voter may make application by mail, not more than 40 nor less than 5 days, prior to the date of the election for an official ballot for the voter's precinct to be voted at such election. For the **November 2, 2010** General Election applications may be filed with the proper election authority between **September 23rd** and **October 28th, 2010**.

Due to a change in the Election Code, a blank absentee ballot application form is now available. Voters may type or print the information on the application form. All entries must be legible for the voter's application to be processed.

Once you have completed, signed and dated the absentee application form it may be returned to the proper election authority either in person, via a third party or it can be mailed. Ballots can only be issued to qualified registered voters whose application is received by **October 28, 2010**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTER

Although blank Absentee Ballot Application forms are now available, you are not required to use them and may continue to phone or email the Macoupin County Clerk's office for a personalized application to be mailed to you as we have done in the past. Those voters making such requests have the opportunity to confirm that their voter registration is current and correct, and personalized applications will have much of the needed information pre-printed for your convenience.

When applying with the blank Absentee Ballot Application please provide a current daytime phone, cell phone number, or an e-mail address where you can be reached. This enables us to contact you should your application be incomplete, if there is a problem with your application or your ballot is returned as undeliverable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CIRCULATORS

If you are distributing blank absentee applications be sure to confirm that the applicant is a Registered Voter, that all fields are complete and legible, encourage the applicant to provide contact information in case of incomplete or incorrect information, and make sure you return all completed applications to the correct Election Authority within the time frame allowed by statute.